

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable)	MB Docket No. 05-311
Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended)	
by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and)	
Competition Act of 1992)	

COMMENTS OF TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER

The Town of North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts appreciates the opportunity to file comments on the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“FNPRM”) in the above-referenced docket. We oppose the tentative conclusions in the FNPRM that cable-related in-kind contributions should be treated as franchise fees and that local government authority regarding cable operators’ use of the rights of way to provide non-cable services will be curtailed.

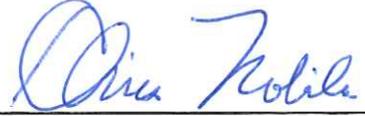
The Town of North Andover has franchise agreements with two companies that provide for franchise fees for capital expenses to be paid to the Town of North Andover and fees for operating and capital expenses to North Andover Community Access & Media, Inc. The Town of North Andover benefits from the services provided by North Andover Community Access & Media, Inc. as it provides programming for all of the Town of North Andover public meetings free of charge. North Andover Community Access & Media, Inc. filming and televising of all public hearing and meetings promotes public transparency and provides access to all residents who would not otherwise be able to attend public meetings and hearings. The Town recently negotiated and entered into a cable renewal license agreement with Verizon New England for a term of five years ending on June 1, 2023 and is mid agreement with Comcast of Massachusetts. The Town looks

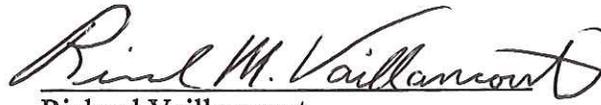
for stability in its agreements and therefore any changes to the regulations which would impact these agreements would be disruptive to the operation and ability of the Town to plan for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Town of North Andover
By its Board of Selectmen


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